FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open consultation chamber in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Safdarjung Hospital for providing special consultation in Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic therapy; and

(b) by when Government propose to start these facilities in these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Report in the British Medical Journal about Children's Medicines

3919. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a report published in British Medical Journal it has been stated that a recent study revealed about 80% of children's oral medicines were produced as liquids, although generally tablets may be used effectively in children;

(b) whether Government have examined the study report; and

(c) if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A limited survey was carried out by a Medical College in Karnataka State covering a few pharmacies.

(c) Paediatric formulations are prefered because of their easy administration. Different Pharmacopoeias also monograph paediatric formulations mostly in liquid dosage form. In view of this, Government do not propose taking any step in this regard.

Proposal to bring Doctors within the purview of the Consumer protection Act

3920. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring Doctors within the purview of the Consumer Protection Act since they provide a service;

(b) whether Government have received representation/suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) All services including services rendered by Doctors which are availed of for consideration are already covered under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Target for Family Planning

3921. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set by the States for much talked family planning during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether Government propose to launch any new scheme so as to encourage family planning among the people of the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan has set the following goals:

(1) Crude Birth Rate (per thousand population)	26
(2) Infant Mortality Rate (per thousand live births)	70

(b) and (c) An Action Plan is under implementation. It includes a differntial approach to poor performing areas, innovative approaches in IEC activities, greater involvement of NGOs, active community participation, improved mother and child health care, etc.

Appointment of Homoeopathic Pharmacists

3922. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: